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**Non-Compliance with Sequence Compliance Rules.**

It is reiterated that this application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR § 1.821 (a) (1) and (a) (2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.821 through 1.825 because there is a lack of sequence identifiers (SEQ ID NO: X) for the sequences referred to in the claims. It is noted that sequences which fall under the above sequence rules are present in the Figures and their amendments are acknowledged. However all sequences referred to within the specification are to have sequence identifiers. For example claim 15 refers to the polypeptide sequence of SCF and claim 21 points to specific residues of the sequence, yet no sequence identifier is presented. The sequences within the CFR are described to be a variety of stem cell factors thus the such claims as shown above can not be properly examined. Please provide a description of the sequences submitted. Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of one month from the date of this letter or as extended as follows.

**Response to**


The reply filed on 5 October 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the lack of sequence identifiers in the claims. See 37 CFR 1.111. Applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

**Inquiries**

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Technical Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technical Center 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1988), 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993), and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993) (See 37 CFR § 1.6(d)). The CM1 Fax Center number is either (703) 308-4242, or (703) 308-4028.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monika B. Sheinberg, whose telephone number is (703) 306-0511. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael P. Woodward, can be reached on (703) 308-4028. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to Patent Analyst, Tina Plunkett, whose telephone number is (703) 305-3524, or to the Technical Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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